



Rikki-Tikki the Fearless Mongoose

At the hole where he went in

Red-Eye called to Wrinkle-Skin.

Hear what little Red-Eye saith:

"Nag, come up and dance with death!"

Eye to eye and head to head,

(Keep the measure, Nag.)

This shall end when one is dead;

(At thy pleasure, Nag.)

Turn for turn and twist for twist--

(Run and hide thee, Nag.)

Hah! The hooded Death has missed!

(Woe betide thee, Nag!)

Once upon a time, in a cozy bungalow in a sunny place called Segowlee, there lived a curious and brave little mongoose named Rikki-Tikki-Tavi. Rikki was small and cute, with soft fur and a bushy tail that he could fluff up like a brush. He was very playful and loved exploring every corner of the big house and its beautiful garden.

One sunny day, after being washed away from his home by a flood, Rikki was found by a kind family. They took him into their home, where he quickly became friends with a young boy named Teddy. Rikki loved to play with Teddy and explore the house and garden. He was a very curious mongoose, always looking for new adventures.

In the garden, Rikki made friends with a cheerful tailorbird named Darzee and a shy musk-rat named Chuchundra. They told Rikki about the garden and warned him about a sneaky snake named Nag and his partner Nagaina. Rikki, being brave and curious, decided to keep an eye out for these snakes to make sure they didn't cause any trouble.

Rikki's days were filled with fun and excitement. He played games with Teddy, ran through the grass, and even learned to enjoy the family's food. He felt happy and safe in his new home.

One day, while exploring, Rikki overheard Nag and Nagaina making plans to scare the people in the house. Rikki knew he had to protect his new family and friends. He bravely faced the snakes, using his quickness and smarts to outwit them. With his red eyes sparkling with determination, Rikki chased the snakes away, saving the day.

The family was so grateful to Rikki for protecting them. They celebrated his bravery and welcomed him as a hero. From that day on, Rikki became the guardian of the garden, always on the lookout for adventures and making sure everyone was safe and happy.

Rikki-Tikki-Tavi's bravery and playful spirit brought joy and peace to the house and garden. He proved that even the smallest creatures can make a big difference.